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SUBJECT: FOLLOW UP ON URUGUAY'S ABSTENTION VOTE ON KOSOVO'S

WORLD BANK MEMBERSHIP

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Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Robin Matthewman for reason 1.4 (B)

(C) Charge met on May 27 with Minister of Economy and Finance Alvaro Garcia, Uruguay's World bank Governor, to follow up on the GOU's stated intention (ref B) to submit an abstaining vote on Kosovo's inclusion in the World bank. Minister Garcia agreed to verify with the MFA and indicated he would submit Uruguay's ballot accordingly ahead of the June 3 deadline. On June 2, the Foreign Ministry Confirmed in conversation with Charge that the GOU had decided to abstain.

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